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REF: Supervisory Inquiry # 13-023
Deputy Andrew Richards

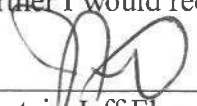
FROM: Lt. Chris Watson 
Administrative Patrol Support

DATE: 06/04/2013

I have reviewed the amended inquiry completed by Sgt. Harnett on this case. I noted there were still two areas of concern after her update. Both involved whether or not Julie Palmer would verify or dispute the statements given by Deputy Richards. It did not appear that Palmer had been spoken with again. Issue one: Was Palmer an information source or "snitch" as was alleged by Richards? Issue Two: Would Palmer verify that she had received a phone call from Deputy Richards after he allegedly ran her car tag when he reportedly saw an unknown black male subject driving it?

On the date of the receipt of this inquiry, June 4th, 2013, I did call Julie Palmer and ascertained from her that she had in fact been a source of information for Deputy Richards. Palmer also told me that Dep. Richards had in fact called her one day (though she was unsure of the exact date) after he reportedly told her that he had seen her car with a black male driving it. Palmer confirmed that the car was left at Vannoy's Tires and that a mechanic had been out in it on a test drive after she left it there.

Palmer stated that her relationship with Dep. Richards had started out with her providing information to him but eventually it led to a personal relationship off duty. It is my assessment that Palmer's initial complaint, though troubling, is at best tenuous. There is no basis to proceed further in this matter. Given the confirmation of Dep. Richards statements by Julie Palmer and with her unwillingness to proceed further I would recommend this case be closed and placed Unfounded.


Captain Jeff Floyd ☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved


Major Steve Collier ☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved


Sheriff Wendell Hall ☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved